

Dear Sir/Madam,

I request that you abolish the 5 word per minute Morse Code requirement for Amateur Radio General & Extra Class licenses.

I am not seeking something for nothing. I have successfully passed the General & Extra Class written elements in May, 2003. I am not audibly talented to decipher dots & dashes, however I feel confident & capable & ready to operate on the HF Amateur Radio bands.

Time marches on & Morse Code has proven to be a noble means of communication with a rich history. It should not be discarded nor should it stand in the way of any amateur who would sincerely like to operate on the HF bands.

There are presently hundreds of modes of communication available to hams, such as SSTV, IRLP, PSK-231 & yet none of these modes require special licensing!!

Please, without delay, remove the Morse Code barrier to HF Radio in the same way that The Netherlands, New Zealand, Austria, among other countries, have done.      Thank You